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Environmental Model Question Pilot: Programme Update

NHS NATIONAL PROCUREMENT

Progression of Trial

NP56823 Urinary Catheters was our first pilot framework and an update issued in April. The anticipated timescales of the remaining tenders are as follows;

Tender	Anticipated Tender return
NP67524 Neurological Devices and Supporting Products	05/07/2024
NP50924 Minimally Invasive Surgical Products	14/05/2024
NP59424 Supply of Sterile Procedure Packs & Supplementary Items	15/08/2024
NP57324 Antiseptic Solutions and Hand Hygiene Products	24/06/2024

Of these frameworks, NP59424 Supply of Sterile Procedure Packs & Supplementary Items has been delayed due to market circumstances. This delay means that we no longer intend to include the framework in the trial to maintain timeframes around evaluation and overall programme delivery.

Given the tender return timeframes, there is expected to be some slippage on the evaluation stage of the programme. This will be caught up in later stages and the anticipated end of the programme remains the same.

Evaluation of the model questions across all frameworks is expected to be conducted during September / Early October. We will also review these against sustainability criteria requested and used by the other devolved nations as we aim to align following feedback from Industry partners.

NP50924 Minimally Invasive Surgical Products is under current evaluation, and we are pleased to note that all bidders attempted to answer the model questions in their submissions. This provides a valuable insight as to efficacy of the model questions.

Remaining Framework Review and Observations

Once complete, we will provide comprehensive review of general traits as per the update on the Urinary Catheter framework.

We welcome feedback from any suppliers who have attempted the trial questions. Any such feedback received will be treated independently from responses to the questions in any framework.